



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, July 17, 2019**

**The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at City Hall Council Chambers, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

**Curtis Smith**  
**Pam Thompson**  
**Linda Guerrero**  
**Wendy Gordon**  
**Katie Coyne**  
**Peggy Maceo**

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Andrew Creel**  
**Brian Smith**  
**Mary Ann Neely**  
**Kevin Ramberg**

**Staff in Attendance:**

**Kaela Champlin**  
**Andrew Clamann**  
**Leah Gibson**  
**Liz Johnston**  
**Colleen Kirk**  
**Jose Guerrero**  
**Sara Hartley**  
**Pam Kearfott**  
**Atha Phillips**  
**Greg Montes**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.**

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

*Speakers should sign up to speak prior to the meeting being called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to discuss topics not posted on the agenda.*

**Speakers**

**Mary Arnold**

**3. EDUCATION**

a. Update from Save Barton Creek Association—Angela Richter, Executive Director, Save Barton Creek Association **(10 mins)**

**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION**

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular Environmental Commission meeting of June 19, 2019  
(5 minutes)

**The minutes of June 19, 2019 were approved on Commissioner Gordon's motion, Commissioner Thompson's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, B. Smith, Neely, and Ramberg were absent.**

5. **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER'S UPDATE ON PAST COMMISSION ACTIONS AND REPORT ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**

- a. None

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS\***

- a. Update on Emma Long Metropolitan Park bulkhead and shoreline restoration—Andrew Clamann, Environmental Scientist Senior, Watershed Protection Department (20 minutes)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

- b. Update on outreach and land management plans for Lower Onion Creek Area—Leah Gibson, Field Operations Division, Watershed Protection Department (30 minutes)  
**Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

7. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Discuss and consider Walter E. Long Master Plan—Ricardo Soliz, Park Planning Division Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation Department (1 hour)

**Speakers**

**Leslie Myers**

**A recommendation to support the Walter E. Long Master Plan with conditions was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, B. Smith, Neely, and Ramberg were absent.**

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** Rolling Hills West Sewer LLC Wastewater Service Extension Request #4516  
**Applicant:** Rolling Hills West Sewer LLC (Jason Baze, PE)  
**Location:** 1100, 1101, 1102, 1200, 1201, 1205, 1206, 1208, 1209, and 1300 Silver Hill Drive; 3600, 3601, 3603, 3605, 3608, and 3610 Silver Hill Circle; 3608, 3609, 3610, 3612, 3614, 3700, and 3701 Moon River Road; 1201, 1202, 1300, 1302, 1303, and 1304 Pasaguarda Drive; and 1303 Constant Springs Drive, Austin, Texas  
**Staff:** Kaela Champlin, Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department  
**Watershed:** Eanes Creek Watershed (Water Supply Suburban) Drinking Water Protection Zone  
**Request:** Review and consider for recommendation Wastewater Service Extension Request #4126

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval

**Reasons for Recommendation:** Watershed Protection Department staff recommends approval of SER as the proposed extension could solve potential environmental problems associated with the existing on-site sewage facilities and would not facilitate increased development intensity in the area.

**(30 minutes)**

**Speakers**

**Robert Ferguson**

**A recommendation to approve the Rolling Hills West Sewer LLC Wastewater Service Extension Request #4516 was approved on Commissioner Guerrero's motion, Commissioner Coyne's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Creel, B. Smith, Neely, and Ramberg were absent.**

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Urban Growth Policy and Water Quality Protection Committee –Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, and Wendy Gordon
- b. Development Committee –Pam Thompson and Wendy Gordon
- c. Air Quality Committee –Mary Ann Neely, Pam Thompson, and Wendy Gordon
- d. Urban Forestry Committee – Peggy Maceo, Pam Thompson, Linda Guerrero, Mary Ann Neely, and Wendy Gordon
- e. Drainage Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation Committee –Pam Thompson, Mary Ann Neely, and Brian Smith
- i. Report on the Joint Sustainability Committee – Katie Coyne
- j. Report on the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee – Mary Ann Neely
- k. Report on the Joint Committee of the Environmental Commission and Parks and Recreation Board – Mary Ann Neely, Peggy Maceo, Linda Guerrero, and Pam Thompson
- l. Report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board – Linda Guerrero
- m. Report on the Zilker Park Working Group – Mary Ann Neely
- n. Other reports from Commissioners

**10. NEW BUSINESS – Future agenda items**

- a. None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 8:44 P.M.**

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